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Dos Lomitas Ranch Main Ranch House



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Dos Lomitas Ranch Main Ranch House

HS02A Structure Number:

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s) Rattlesnake Ranch Blankenship Ranch Ranch House

Gray Ranch

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District Dos Lomitas Ranch

Structure State: Arizona Pima Structure County:

Intermountain Region: Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 001198

Historical Significance:

Entered - Documented National Register Status:

National Register Date: 05/06/1994

National Historic Landmark?: No

Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: The Dos Lomitas Ranch House, Organ Pipe NM, is one of the contributing

structures of the Dos Lomitas Ranch, entered on the NR, at the local level,

under Criterion A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising & B, assoc'n w/Robert Louis Gray, Sr. District's period of significance is 1919-1976.

Long Significance Description:

The Dos Lomitas Ranch House, Organ Pipe NM, is one of the contributing structures of the Dos Lomitas Ranch, entered on the National Register, at the local level, under Criteria A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising; and B, the most important cattle-ranching property associated with Robert Louis Gray, Sr. District. The period of significance begins for the district with the purchase of the water rights for the ranch in 1919 and ends with the death with the last of the three Gray sons, Robert, Jr., in 1976, and the subsequent removal of the last of the Gray's cattle from the monument.

The ranch was the first of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business which developed the ranching potential of the desert country north of the border and dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years.

The main ranch house, is regarded as a rare example of the earlier "Sonoran traditional ranch style," characterized by thick adobe walls, whether exposed or stuccoed, beamed ceiling, flat roof and floor of packed earth, often laid out in an L-form.

The Dos Lomitas Ranch district was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on May 6, 1994.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

	Physical Event	Begin Year	Begin Year AD/BC	End Year AD/BC	Designer	Designer Occupation
1.	Built	1920	AD		Gray, Robert Louis Sr.	Other
2.	Stabilized	1989	AD		NPS	Other
3.	Stabilized	1994	AD		NPS	Other

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Single Family House

Primary Current Use: Vacant/Maintained (Mothballed)

No

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current

1. AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE Historic

Physical Description:

Structure Type: Building

Volume: 2,000 - 20,000 cubic feet

Square Feet:

Material(s):

	Structural Component(s)	Material(s)
1.	Foundation	Adobe
2.	Walls	Adobe
3.	Roof	Adobe

Short Physical Description:

1 story, 4 room L-shaped whitewashed adobe bldg w/ 2 vert plank doors, 1 screened doorway. Wood shutters 4 of 5 wdws. Orig gutter/drains front; new rear. 39'6"x29'3", 9'6" high. Fireplace, dirt floor. Saguaro rib & pipe ramada on mesquite posts front

Long Physical Description:

The main ranch house at Dos Lomitas is a stuccoed adobe structure, with flat earthen floor and roof, wooden beams, and L-shaped plan. It exactly fits the Sonoran Tradition of the Spanish-Mexican Frontier Style, It contains four rooms and is about 40' long, 30' wide and 10' high. It has five windows, three doors, and one fireplace/chimney. Attached to the front is a ramada with a flat roof of saguaro cactus ribs and iron pipes, covered by earth and some blacktop, all supported by mesquite posts.